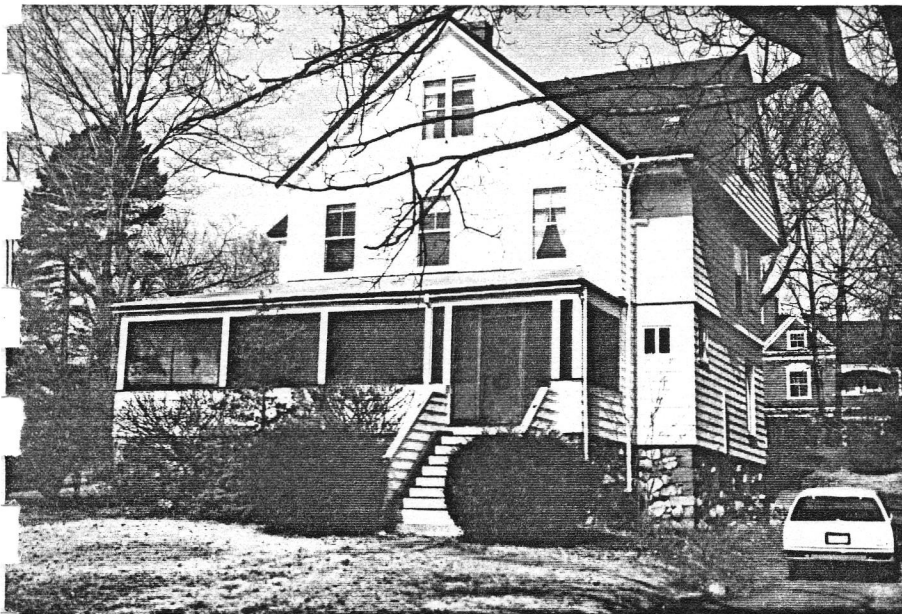


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
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toric Name Alonzo E. Locke House

: Present residential

Original residential

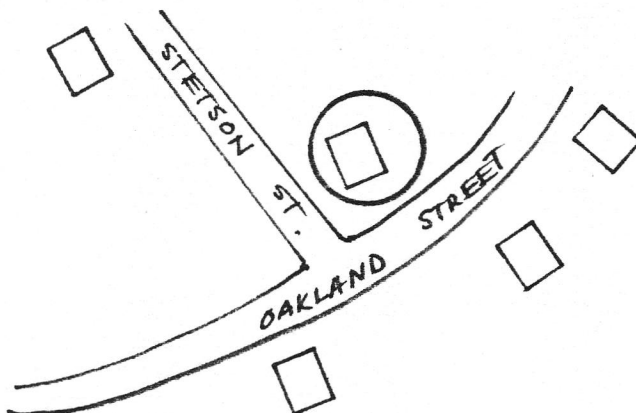
DESCRIPTION:

e 1887

Source Lexington Minute Man, June 6, 1887

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Queen Anne

Architect John McFinnon (builder)

Exterior wall fabric shingles

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage .4 A. (17493 ft.²)

Setting Residential street of substantial late nineteenth century houses.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

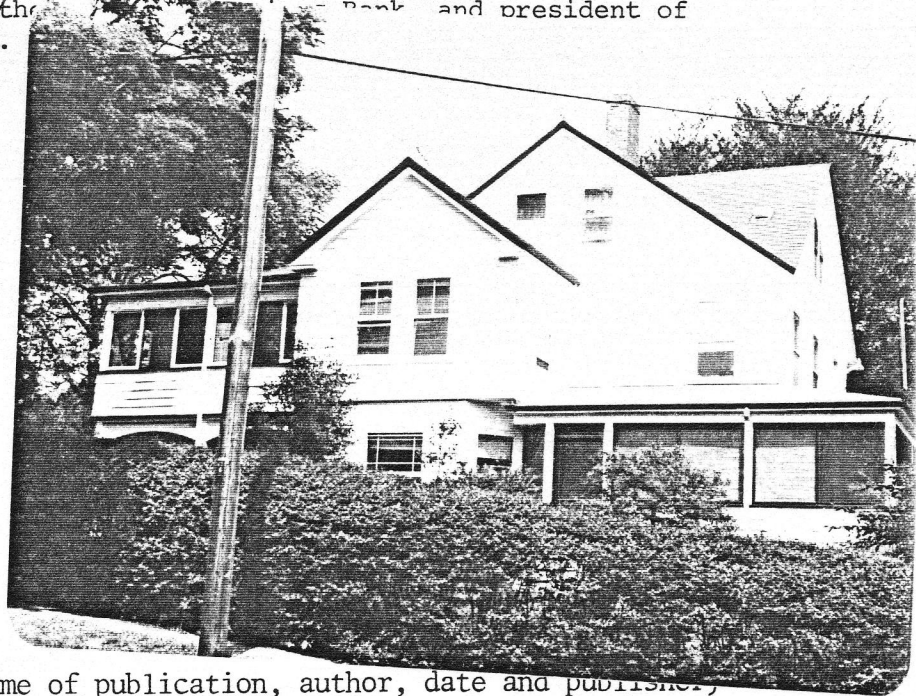
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Less elaborate than many of its neighbors on Meriam Hill of the same period, this house is nonetheless comparable in size and may have lost finishes over time. Modillions along the eave and overhanging gable end are the only decorative features currently. Local carpenter and builder, John McKinnon, built the house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by Alonzo Everett Locke, a member of a firm of brokers in Boston, a trustee of the *Lexington Savings Bank* and president of the Lexington Historical Society.



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1906 atlas

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1894 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
14 OAKLAND ST.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was one of a handful of dwellings constructed on Meriam Hill in 1887 on lots that were sold by D. W. Muzzey (see also 16, 20, 23 & 25 Oakland Street). On June 17, 1887 the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that "Mr. A.E. Locke has commenced operations for the building of his new house on Oakland street. Mr. McKinnon is the contractor". About a month later the paper noted "The foundation for Mr. A.E. Locke's house, which is in the course of erection on Oakland street, is almost completed and will be ready before many days for the superstructure. The location is a very sightly and desirable one, on land opposite the residence of Mr. Bliss. Mr. Ed. McNamara is the contractor for the foundation work and Mr. McKinnon is the builder" (*Lexington Minute-man*, July 22, 1887).

This house was constructed by Alonzo E. Locke in anticipation of his wedding to Alice Hastings Butters which took place on November 17, 1887. In 1910 the Locke household included Mr. and Mrs. Locke, their three sons and three servants. Mrs. Locke was still living in the house in 1932. The house was vacant in 1942. Later owners included William VanVliet and J. Alan and Sidney Cooper.

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